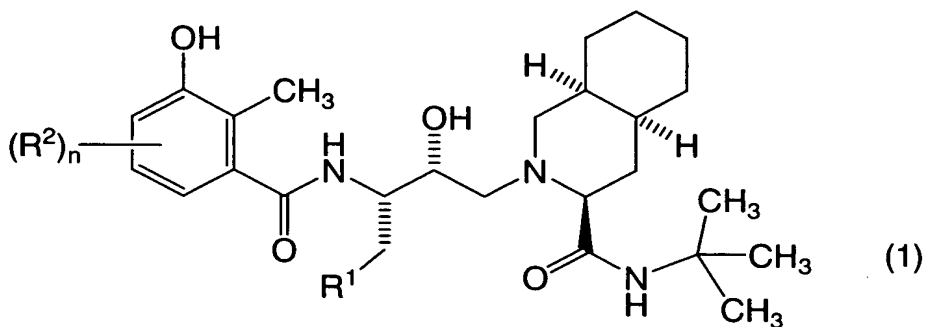


CLAIMS

1. An anti-coronavirus agent comprising as an active ingredient a compound represented by formula (1):

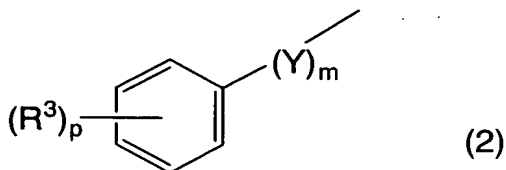
Formula (1)



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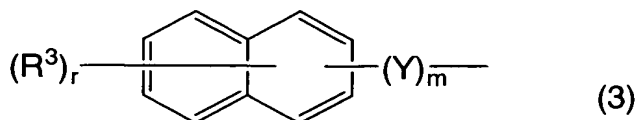
wherein each  $R^1$  represents formula (2) or (3) below:

Formula (2)



10 wherein Y is S, O or NH; each  $R^3$  is independently a  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl group,  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkoxy group,  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkylamino group, amido group, carboxy group, amino group, hydroxy group, or halogen atom; m is 0 or 1, and p is an integer from 0 to 5

Formula (3)

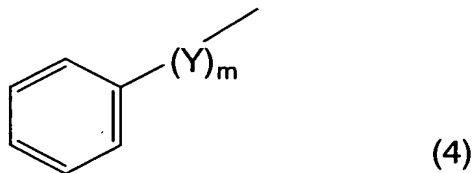


wherein Y, R<sup>3</sup> and m are as above; p is 0 or 1, and r is an integer from 0 to 6;

R<sup>2</sup> is independently a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl group, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy group,  
5 C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkylamino group, amido group, carboxy group, amino group, hydroxy group, or halogen atom; and  
n is an integer from 0 to 3;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

10           2. An anti-coronavirus agent according to Claim 1,  
wherein R<sup>1</sup> in formula (1) is formula (4)  
Formula 4

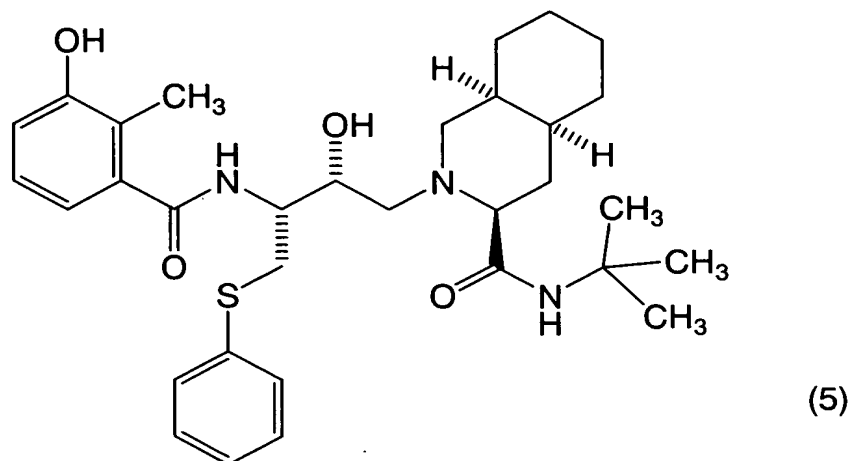


wherein Y is S, O or NH; and m is 0 or 1.

15           3. An anti-coronavirus agent according to Claim 1,  
wherein the compound represented by formula (1) is the  
compound represented by formula (5).

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Formula (5)



4. An anti-coronavirus agent according to any one of  
Claims 1 to 3, wherein the coronavirus is a SARS-  
5 associated coronavirus.

5. An anti-coronavirus agent according to any one of  
Claims 1 to 4, wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable  
salt of the compound represented by formula (1) is a  
10 methanesulfonate.

6. An anti-SARS agent comprising the anti-  
coronavirus agent according to any one of Claims 1 to 5 as  
an active ingredient, and a pharmaceutically acceptable  
15 carrier, excipient and/or diluent.

7. A method for treating SARS using the anti-SARS

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agent according to Claim 6.